



MEETING MINUTES

NTAA STANDING MONTHLY MEETING

March 9th, 2020

NTAA Executive Committee: Primary and Alternate Representatives in Attendance

Region 1	Bill Thompson	
	Marvin Cling	X
Region 2	Angela Benedict	X
	Steve Smith	
Region 4	Scott Hansen	
	Tiffany Lozada	X
Region 5	Brandy Toft	X
	Joy Wiecks	X

Region 6	Craig Kreman	
	Cherylin Atcitty	X
Region 7	Billie Toledo	
	Allison Gienapp	X
Region 8	Randy Ashley	X
	Linda Weeks Reddoor	

Region 9	Wilfred J. Nabahe	X
	John C. Parada	
Region 10	Carol Kriebs	X
	Lucas Bair	
Alaska	Ann Wyatt	X
	Maranda Hamme	X

EPA Representatives and others		
Pat Childers	OAR	X
Laura McKelvey	OAQPS	X
Justin Hall	OAQPS	
James Payne	OAQPS	X

NTAA Staff / Fiduciary Representatives	
Andy Bessler	X
Dara Marks Marino	X
Mehrdad Khatibi	

Ex-Officio Members / Others	
Ann Marie Chischilly, ITEP	
Chris Lee TAMS Center	
Farshid Farsi, TAMS Center	

Ernie Grooms	IAQ interim lead	X
Kris Ray	Colville Tribes	X

X = present on the call

NTAA Action Items Generated During This Call

ACTION ITEMS	RESPONSIBLE PARTY	DUE DATE
Action Item 1: Prepare welcome letters for the Chickahominy Indian Tribe and the Muscogee (Creek) Nation	NTAA Staff	March 23, 2020
Action Item 2: Project Director to see if ALA is ready to show documentary at NTFAQ, and let them know we want to showcase it; also see if they want to bring out the ALA director to introduce it. R9 primary rep will recommend during plenary work group tomorrow.	EC Chair and Project Director	March 23, 2020
Action Item 3: Staff to move forward on PRK for Supplemental Transparency in Science once it is in the Federal Register.	NTAA Staff	Within two weeks of posting in Federal Register
Action Item 4: Ask Casino about additional seated meal options. Re-vote once options are available.	NTAA Project Director	March 23, 2020
Action Item 5: National Priorities draft document will be resent to full EC with a 24 hour turnaround to review and approve to be sent out widely.	NTAA Staff	March 9, 2020

NTAA EC Standing Monthly Call
March 9, 2020
10 am AK / 2 pm ET

1. **NTAA Executive Committee Caucus:** *EC, Staff, and invited guests for the first hour:*

A. Invocation

B. Roll Call of NTAA EC Members, NTAA staff, and others. EC Quorum reached.

C. Approval of the In-Person and January NTAA EC Meeting Notes:

Motion to approve meeting minutes from January 2020 by R10 Primary Rep, second by AK Primary Rep. One edit to minutes and summary incorporated on the call. Abstention: R2 Primary Rep. No objections. Minutes approved.

Motion to approve meeting summary from January 2020 by R10 Primary Rep, second by R1 Alternate Rep. Abstention: R2 Primary Rep. No objections. Summary approved.

Motion to approve in-person meeting minutes from February 2020 by R10 Primary Rep, second by AK Primary Rep. Abstentions: R9 Primary, R4 Alternate, R2 Primary, R5 Alternate. No objections. Minutes approved.

Motion to approve in-person summary from February 2020 by R10 Primary Rep, second by R8 Primary Rep. R9 Primary Rep feels they are missing substance and dialogue from the meeting. Abstentions: R2 Primary, R4 Alternate, R9 Primary. No objections, Summary approved.

D. Introduction of new AK Alternate Rep: Maranda Hamme, who works on the same island as AK Primary Rep and has been the environmental manager at Craig Tribal Association for three years. EC members introduced themselves.

E. Approval of Member Tribe Applications

- i. Chickahominy Indian Tribe: Application includes a resolution. Motion to approve by R5 Primary Rep, second by R10 Primary Rep. No objections, no abstentions. Consensus to approve.
- ii. Muscogee (Creek) Nation: Motion to approve by R8 Primary Rep, second by AK Primary Rep. No objections, no abstentions. Consensus to approve.

Action Item 1: draft welcome letters to both new Member Tribes. Brings the total of NTAA Member Tribes to 151.

F. Debrief from NTAA's DC meeting

NTAA Project Director reached out to Miles Keogh from NACAA, who had said he was going to talk with others at NACAA about connecting more deeply with NTAA.

NTAA Project Director has been in touch with filmmaking crew at the ALA. Discussion about showing the documentary at NTFAQ. R9 Primary Rep put forward the recommendation to use the film as the opening to NTFAQ. Motion to show ALA film as opening at NTFAQ by R5 Primary Rep, second by R10 Primary Rep. No objections, no abstentions, consensus to approve. **Action Item 2: Project Director to see if ALA is ready to show at NTFAQ, and let them know we want to showcase it; also see if they want to bring out the ALA director to introduce it. R9 primary rep will recommend during plenary work group tomorrow.**

Other NTFAQ presentations: Ian Fisher was interested in coming to NTFAQ after DC meeting. He has been told about the sessions Bob Greunig did about how Tribes can submit comments. He is submitting a proposal to do this as a breakout session.

G. Discussion of NTAA Proposed Policy Response Kits

- i. NEPA: Deadline is tomorrow, letter is ready to submit. The draft is unchanged since the template letter published. Cleared to add Chairman's signature.
- ii. Transparency in Science Supplemental Proposal: Proposal was announced last week. This is a supplement to the 2018 Transparency in Science Proposal. No objections to moving forward on the PRK. **Action Item 3: staff to move forward on PRK once it is in the Federal Register.**
- iii. Other Policy issues EC members wish to address: none at this time.

2. NTAA/EPA Updates: *EPA Representatives and others joined the call*

A. EPA Updates:

Coronavirus and EPA travel/events:

Concerns about beyond-essential travel. Tribes are beginning to restrict travel.

3. NTAA Project Tasks and Updates

A. Debrief of the NTAA EC Meeting in DC

- i. Summarized previous conversation: ALA documentary recommended as opening plenary at NTFAQ. 50th Anniversary CAA, 20th Anniversary TAMS, overall theme of anniversaries at NTFAQ.

B. Discussion about 2020 NTFAQ

i. [NTAA Annual Meeting Menu](#)

In-depth discussion on lunch options, including seated v. buffet. Ultimately the decision was to have a seated lunch and ask the Casino if they can include Oklahoma Ranch and other options in the seated lunch options. **Action Item 4: ask Casino about additional seated meal options. Re-vote once options are available.**

Acknowledgment that NTFAQ may need to be cancelled, given the coronavirus situation. Decision to continue planning until a cancellation is made. Full planning call coming up on March 24.

- ii. NTAA Annual Meeting Agenda

Post analysis from previous year was positive, recommendation to follow same format.

Ballot-vote for membership by-law amendment in-depth discussion. Concerns: not everyone is able to be there in present (especially due to travel restrictions), ensuring only one vote per Tribe, and what do the by-laws require. Motion by R10 Primary Rep to have a special call after the annual meeting to have the vote, second by R2 Primary Rep. No objections, no abstentions. Share in-person at the annual meeting what the vote is about. Consensus.

C. Work Group Updates

- i. IAQ: working with Healthy Homes Partnership on IAQ Guidances. Looking to go to print. Main issue is on easiest and best way to distribute. App that will be available is still in the works but is coming along nicely. By NTFAQ, someone from Healthy Homes Partnership will be there to present on work that has been done and contributions that have been given.
- ii. Wood Smoke: R7 Primary Rep and NTAA Project Director are en route to Wood Stove Conference.
- iii. Mobile Sources: last call went over priorities and ideas for future calls. Working on getting next agenda together, with new topics such as EIs as related to mobile sources and MOVES, and diesel issues. Diesel 101 & 50 years of mobile sources would be good additions to NTFAQ with shorter session on MSWG call.
- iv. STAR: National Priorities discussion.
Second draft compilation of National Priorities document has been sent to EC. Want to send out as widely as possible (TACs, Member Tribes, full listserv) for feedback, ensuring agreement on priorities and full inclusion.

Discussion and decision to remove bullet point regarding re-designations.

Action Item 5: Document will be resent to full EC with a 24 hour turnaround to review and approve to be sent out widely.

4. NTAA Staff Updates

Out of time to discuss.

5. Regional and Other Updates

A. Tribal Air Monitoring Support (TAMS) Center

Recently held TAMS steering committee in-person meeting, Vallen Cook reported positively on his attendance at the NTAA meeting; would like to emulate in many ways. Had a representative from NACAA training committee in attendance who gave a presentation on how they handle trainings. Hoping to make that a standard component of TAMS meetings. One deliverable for NACAA training committee is to have a coffee break training on Working Effectively with Tribal Governments.

Selection was made for Virgil Masayesva award.

Still looking for at least one TAMS SC member; not exempt if have been on in past.

When replacing Farshid Farsi, looking to have overlap with the new person in order to have a smooth transition. Will advertise externally.

Will have Needs Assessment out soon, with a separate request for equipment needs.

NADP monitoring program: focus on PFAS.

Will have 20th anniversary celebration in the fall. TAMS center will remain where it is, but is getting overhauled. May have their meeting/celebration somewhere else in Las Vegas.

- B. National Tribal Caucus (NTC): Out of time to discuss.
- C. CAAAC: Out of time to discuss.
- D. ITEP: VW Settlement Technical Assistance Program: Out of time to discuss.
- E. National Radon Action Plan: Out of time to discuss.
- F. AAPCA and NACAA: Out of time to discuss.
- G. Regional Updates: Out of time to discuss.

N7AA Secretary approves 04/16/2020

Carol Kriebs